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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/131

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES

(Issued August 23, 2000)

During the hearing held on August 22, 2000, I announced procedures for receiving into evidence materials that have been, or may soon be, filed in this case.

Transcript corrections related to hearings held during these next two weeks should be filed by Wednesday, September 6, 2000. For purposes of preparing initial briefs, participants may assume that transcript corrections have been accepted. The evidentiary record will be closed subject to objections to transcript corrections concerning this session of rebuttal hearings.

There remain a limited number of outstanding discovery requests from participants, and information requests from the Commission. Therefore, I am going to extend the time for designating such responses for incorporation into the evidentiary record. Requests to incorporate answers to discovery and information requests filed by August 21, 2000 should be submitted by August 28, 2000. Responses filed after August 21, 2000 must be designated within seven days. Responses to outstanding questions will be made due on or before August 30, 2000, and the final day for designations will be September 6, 2000. Again, participants may assume in preparing their initial briefs that designations will not be challenged, however, consistent with due process participants will have seven days to respond to requests for designations.

RULING

The procedure for incorporating responses to outstanding discovery requests and Presiding Officer's Information Requests will be as set forth in the body of this ruling.

Edward J. Gleiman

Presiding Officer